

## **Inflation rate stands at 2.82 for 2011-2012 fiscal year: Deputy NPED Minister**

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Nov-U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency put a question about privatization of State-owned industries at today's [Pyithu?] Hluttaw session. His question focused on number of State-owned factories and workshops in the country at present; whether there are factories and workshops under way for privatization for the time being and in which form they will be privatized if there is any; and inflation rate according to economic condition of 2011-2012 financial year.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Daw Khin San Yi replied that there are totally 266 State-owned factories and workshops in operation at present. Privatization Commission has 17 factories yet to sell out whereas Ministry of Agriculture has one, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, three, Ministry of Industry, six, Ministry of Forestry, six, and Ministry of Commerce, one. Those factories, according to the deputy minister, will be sold through open tender system.

And, the inflation rate is 2.82, said the deputy minister. U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency revealed his concern for privacy as he asked whether letters are checked by one way or another apart from disclosing the letters for security concern; and whether communication through telephone and other communication devices are checked for reasons other than concern for national security. Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun replied that express mails are handed over to security agencies concerned to check whether they are enclosed with explosive devices or not. The safe ones handed back are then sent to the addressees without delay. Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications only provides communication service and is not responsible for scrutiny out of security concern.

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